

legislation or similar legislation. Well, they've enacted the...I guess, what I've read about, they've enacted the two-year limitation on receiving certain types of benefits from the state, Aid to Dependent Children, in particular. And has the Department of Social Services contacted the other states to determine if there was any savings as a result of their enactment of their legislation?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Other states have not put out precise numbers that I've seen. They would say that they're beginning to see some savings, and certainly a reduction, the two-year limit, of cash is obviously going to be a big savings. But I think Senator Crosby was correct in saying, in the initial beginning, like with any program there would be some start-up costs. So that's the problem in really trying to balance out, but as we go statewide the two-year limit of the cash obviously would have great savings.

SENATOR ABOUD: But you don't have any idea if there would be...I guess that's my point, I mean, we talked about possibly saving some dollars here but there haven't been any estimates done by the Department of Social Services. There haven't been any comparisons done with other states and apparently there...I'm going to assume then with the passage of the bill that we're looking at an increased fiscal impact in this amount then and that's the way I'm going to be voting to determine. I'm asking these questions...thank you, Senator Bohlke, for your responses. I'm asking these questions because of the possible fiscal impact and maybe an evaluation of whether or not Senator Crosby's amendment would be in order because of the additional cost that's going to come to the state, or on the other hand if we're going to receive some substantial savings to the state, maybe it would be better to enact it earlier. I think that even though I don't agree with most of what is in Senator Bohlke's amendment, I think that the issue of when it should be enacted is a legitimate issue and I think it's an issue dealing with the...how it will impact our budget in the coming year. And so if anyone else would have any comments in regard to that, I think that it's a very legitimate...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...very legitimate issue. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Bohlke.